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CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF BASIC INTELLIGENCE

1. One of the major responsibilities of the intelligence producing side of the Agency is the coordination and publication of the National Intelligence Surveys. These encyclopedic reference studies covering all aspects of all areas of the world are the joint product of some 38 government agencies operating under the immediate direction of the National Intelligence Survey Subcommittee of the IAC. The total annual budget of this program is approximately [REDACTED] of which CIA contributes in excess of [REDACTED]

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2. The Clark Commission recommended that the importance of this work justified creating a special office within CIA as opposed to the sub-division of ORR that has been doing the work. It seemed to be a very sound recommendation and therefore I am this day issuing an order creating the Office of Basic Intelligence in the DD/I Complex.

3. Captain [REDACTED] (Annapolis 1927), who has been in charge of this effort since 1948 with the exception of one period of sick leave, will be the new Assistant Director. Colonel [REDACTED] who has also been in this field for 6 years and ran the job during Captain [REDACTED] absence will be his deputy.

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